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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities and

Service Territory from Moore Sewer, Incorporated to Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer

District

Docket No. 2019-291-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Moore Sewer, Incorporated ("Moore Sewer") for the sale of assets and transfer of facilities and service territory ("Application") from Moore Sewer to Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District ("SSSD").

SSSD is a special purpose district established by the State of South Carolina and currently provides wastewater treatment services to Moore Sewer's 284 customers in the Linville Hills subdivision and 116 customers in the Madera Village subdivision in Spartanburg County on a wholesale basis. Moore Sewer currently charges its customers in Linville hills a Base Facilities Charge ("BFC") of \$27.93 per month and their pro-rata share of SSD's charges for sewage treatment, which is divided equally among the customers. Moore Sewer bills its customers in Madera Village the BFC of \$27.93. The Madera Village customers are currently billed by SSSD directly for the sewage treatment, which includes a \$5.70 base rate and \$0.675 per 100 gal. based on the customer's individual water usage supplied by Spartanburg Water System. SSSD will charge all of Moore Sewer's customers a \$5.70 BFC and \$0.675 per 100 gal. based on their individual monthly water Consumption, plus a monthly capital recoupment charge of \$24.00 per customer. The monthly capital recoupment charge will be removed from the customer's bill once the costs to rehabilitate the system have been recouped, which is estimated by SSSD to be approximately 24 months.

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The near-term rate impact for customers in Linville Hills and Madera Village will be minimal and all customers should benefit from an improved system with reduced inflow and infiltration.

There has been one letter of protest in this Docket filed by Daniel Alexander, a Moore Sewer customer, on October 7, 2019. The ORS Consumer Services Department reached out to Mr. Alexander on October 9, 2019 to discuss Moore Sewer's current rates and the rates that would be charged if the Application is approved.

Sincerely,

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